

## **Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Council**

### **Minutes May 4, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 6.05 pm

Present: Claire Davis ( Acting Chair), Beverly Jansen, Barbara Carr, Francois Rejeili, Dave Avrin, and Sharon Camlic

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved by email.

#### **2. Action items:**

##### **a. May 9<sup>th</sup> River Sweep**

Logistics of SHEAC involvement in the River Sweep was discussed. Claire will coordinate activities at Devries Park with assistance from Sharon, while Barbara and Dan will coordinate work at Douglas Park. Francois and Dave will coordinate clean-up work on Route 9. Claire is communicating with the Village to ensure that supplies are available when needed. Claire handed out materials with conservation suggestions for distribution by SHEAC to participants at the various clean-up sites.

##### **b. Budget update**

Claire will contact Anthony to clarify if the SHEAC budget has been approved, and if so when funds can begin to be expended.

##### **c. Road Salting**

Francois will contact Rich Gross to set up a meeting (at Rich's convenience) to discuss the SH road salting program. Francois, Dave and Dan will represent the SHEAC. The intent of the meeting is to review and discuss the Village's winter road salting program and to provide assistance to the Village to ensure that the program utilizes "best practices" to ensure public safety while protecting the villages natural resources.

##### **d. Communication of Minutes**

Francois noted that the email distribution list for SHEAC business (particularly the draft minutes) should be limited to active members of the Committee. Committee membership agreed by verbal vote.

### **3. Reports and Updates**

#### **a. Status of EAC logo**

Latest update was reviewed and several additional comments were agreed upon (extending horse drawing to include more of the lower portion of the animal, circular wording around drawing, etc.) Claire to forward comments to Narendra for updated design to incorporate suggestions.

#### **b. Scenic Hudson Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Trails Project**

Claire, Dave and Francois attended a recent community workshop hosted by Scenic Hudson to discuss options associated with connecting the Tappan Zee Bridge project to the Hudson River Trail. Scenic Hudson will compile information derived from this workshop as well as stakeholder meetings and is expected to report back to the community in June. Ultimately Scenic Hudson will prepare a report with options to will help to guide future decisions about expansion and improvement of the River Walk trail and its connections to other nearby trails.

#### **c. Solar Initiative**

Sharon provided an update on the status of her proposal to connect Sleepy Hollow to a Westchester residential solar power initiative – “Solarize Westchester.” If approved by the Village Board, SH would be included in a proposal that could result in increased education about the benefits of solar energy and potential cost savings for residential installation. Josephine Galgano, a village resident, has agreed to work with Sharon on a Village committee to forward the initiative if the Board agrees. Sharon will present this proposal at a Board Meeting on May 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.03 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 1, 2015